



## Spring, 2016 - News & Updates

### CTSA Retreat



Photo: CTSA Forum March 9, 2016

CTSA faculty and staff along with leadership of Buffalo Translational Consortium (BTC) institutions held a day and a half CTSA forum and retreat. After a review our first 7 months of accomplishments and an outline of one-year goals and a 5-year vision for the CTSA, active discussion by participants led to a healthy exchange of ideas and suggestions of how to accomplish our goals. Several new initiatives that arose from these discussions are being planned and will be implemented.

[Click here](#) more details.

See [this video](#) that debuted at the Forum and gives an overview of our CTSA.

### Translational Science 2016 National Meeting



Photo: Attendees of Translational Science 2016 from UB. Left to right: Mary Sienkiewicz, Erin Bailey, Nikhil Satchidanand PhD, Timothy Murphy MD, Ellen Volpe PhD RN, Anne Curtis MD, Michael Cain MD, Margarita Dubocovich PhD. Dagobert Soergel PhD (not present)

The Buffalo Translational Consortium was well represented at Translational Science 2016 in Washington DC from April 13 through 15. This is the premier national conference on clinical and translational research held annually. UB is an institutional member of the Association for Clinical and Translational Science and the Clinical Research Forum, which co host the meeting. Both of our CTSA KL2 scholars presented their work at the meeting.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Photo: Dr. Satish Tripathi, UB President and Dr. Michael Cain, Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean of the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the CTSA Forum

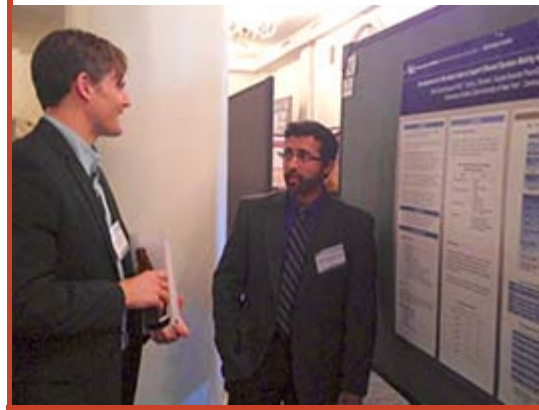


Photo: Dr. Nikhil Satchidanand discussing his poster at Translational Science 2016



Photo: Dr. Erica Rosemond, Program Director, Division of Clinical Innovation, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, addresses the audience at our CTSA retreat



Photo: Dr. Ellen Volpe presenting her poster at Translational Science 2016

## Another Round of CTSA Pilot Studies Awarded

## First Two CTSA KL2 Scholars Named



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Photo: *Ellen Volpe PhD RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Nikhil Satchidanand PhD, Research Assistant Professor of Family Medicine*

The first two CTSA KL2 Scholars supported by the KL2 Mentored Career Development Program linked to the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) were awarded to Ellen Volpe PhD RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Nikhil Satchidanand PhD, Research Assistant Professor of Family Medicine. Drs. Volpe and Satchidanand were chosen from an outstanding group of applicants following a rigorous review process. Both scholars' research aligns closely with the overall vision of our CTSA and KL2 awards to focus on clinical and translational research to improve health and reduce health disparities in the Buffalo community.

[Click here](#) for more details about the KL2 Scholars.

[Click here](#) for information on the Mentored Career Development Program.

### **Six Medical Students Are Awarded Research Fellowships as Part of T35 NIH Training Grant**



Photo: *Research Day in the Clinical and*

the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) and institutional support, the CTSA has awarded 7 teams of researchers pilot studies to support innovative clinical and translational research projects.

[Click here](#) for more details.

The Pilot studies awardees, their affiliations and the titles of their projects are [listed here](#).

### **Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease Established through \$2.35 Million New York State Grant**



Photo: *Dr. Bruce Troen, Professor of Medicine and Chief of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine and Dr. Kinga Szigeti, Associate Professor of Neurology and Director of the Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders Center*

Co Principal investigators of this major 5-year grant are Dr. Bruce Troen, Professor of Medicine and Chief of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine and Dr. Kinga Szigeti, Associate Professor of Neurology and Director of the Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders Center. The new center will support education, training, technical assistance and expertise to healthcare providers who care for individuals with

*Translational Research Center where the T35 scholars present their work at the end of their summer fellowship (along with other summer students at Buffalo Translational Consortium institutions)*

UB and Roswell Park have partnered in conducting a T35 training grant to introduce medical students to careers as physician scientists. Six first year medical students, including 5 from UB have been awarded fellowships for the summer of 2016 to conduct mentored research projects and participate in a career development program.

[Click here](#) to learn more and see the names of the T35 scholars and their faculty mentors.

[Click here](#) for a news story on the Medical Student Research Forum where T35 scholars present their research projects each year.

### **Dr. Margarita Dubocovich Honored for Mentoring Work**



Photo: *Dr. Margarita Dubocovich with some of her students*

Dr. Margarita Dubocovich, Principal Investigator and Program Lead of the KL2 CTSA Linked Mentored Career

Alzheimer's Disease and improve access to clinical trials for these patients.

[Click here](#) for more information.

### **Scholarships Awarded to Trainees to attend PK/PD Workshop**



As part of the goal of the UB Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Hub to share our special expertise and training programs with the CTSA consortium, we invited early career investigators in the CTSA consortium to apply for scholarships to attend a 3-day *Pharmacokinetic-Pharmacodynamic (PK-PD) Modelling Course* conducted by the UB School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences on May 16-18, 2016. Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each will support four scholars from around the country including one from Roswell Park Cancer Institute and three from other CTSA Hubs to attend the workshop. The winners will receive award certificates from CTSA leadership at the conference opening ceremony. They will also have the opportunity to enjoy the splendor and incredible scenic views of one of the wonders of the world - Niagara Falls.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Developmental Award and also Director of Workforce Development for the CTSA has been awarded the 2015-16 Excellence in Graduate Student Mentoring Award. This is the highest award given by the University at Buffalo for mentoring. Dr. Dubocovich is a distinguished scientist and mentor who has also created and oversees several innovative training programs at UB that focus on excellence and inclusion in education and training.

[See this link for](#) more information.

## American Physician Scientists Association (APSA) Names UB a Local Chapter



Photo: (Left to right) Chelsey Reed, Nadav Weinstock, and Lauren Burkard-Mandel, are MD PhD students at UB and leaders of UB's local APSA chapter

UB's Medical Scientist Training Program has been named a local chapter of the APSA, a national organization of future physician scientists. APSA is a national organization dedicated to addressing the needs of physician-scientist trainees with emphasis on career development. MD PhD students and future physician scientists face unique challenges in their training. Being part of this national organization affords our trainees access to a variety of programs and support.

[Click here](#) for more details about the APSA chapter at UB

## Spring, 2016 - Message from the CTRC Director

The past several months have been enormously busy and productive in launching a variety of programs and initiatives supported by our Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). Our first annual CTSA forum and retreat was a huge success and is leading to several new initiatives. Our first two CTSA KL2 scholars have been



named and another call for applications will follow soon. Two rounds of pilot studies grants have been awarded from a large pool of outstanding proposals. Continue to follow our website, which will be upgraded and linked to our growing cores and services in the next few months.

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